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## TRADE WITH CHINA.

Some Pertinent Suggestions on That Subject From the Chinese Minister.

BOSTON, April 27.—In his speech at the banquet of the National Association of Manufacturers last night, Wu Ting Fang, the Chinese minister, said:

"That the trade of this country with China has been rapidly increased within the last few years is borne out by the statistics published every year, but it is not generally known and it is a fact which should be remembered that our merchants are the only exporters of your goods to China.

"Take for instance the case of flour. All that is sent to China is upon order first received at the mills in this country. This shows you clearly the importance and necessity of allowing the Chinese merchants and traders to have free and friendly intercourse with the manufacturers and merchants of this country.

"If Chinese merchants could come more freely to this country and see how things are done in your business establishments it would certainly give them a better idea of American enterprise and energy and impress them with great respect for American methods. They could also see many things which are new to them, ascertain their utility and their uses and would then purchase them.

"I am compelled to say, and I say it with great reluctance, that no such facilities are afforded to Chinese customers to come to this country. American manufacturers may have agents in China to sell their goods. But Chinese merchants certainly ought to know best what is most suitable for their home markets. If they could enter this country without unnecessary restrictions they might be in a better position to select not only what they came to buy but also carry home with them a great many things which they had no intention of buying at the outset.

"It seems to me that self interest alone ought to point out the best course for the Americans to follow. If you should wish to increase your trade with China every obstacle in the way of free intercourse between the two countries should be removed. As the progress of civilization has leveled one natural barrier after another in order that the peoples of the earth may be drawn together into closer relations, it is certainly contrary to the spirit of the times to erect artificial ones by means of hostile legislation.

"With a growing commerce between China and the United States the question of transportation will no doubt come more and more to the front. In days not very long past the American flag was a common sight among the shipping of Hong Kong and other Chinese ports. Now it is conspicuous by its absence. If Americans are to make good their claim to a due share of the commercial advantages in China, it is essential that they should revive their carrying trade in Chinese waters. I have been informed that more goods have been offered of late to the steamship companies at San Francisco than they can possibly carry with the limited facilities at their command. The result is that the freight rates to the Orient have taken a sharp rise. The exporters from the eastern states cannot but be injuriously affected.

"If an isthmian canal were in operation connecting the waters of the Atlantic with those of the Pacific such congestion of traffic at any point on the Pacific coast would be at once relieved. But, unfortunately, the day is still far distant when steamers can pass from ocean to ocean across the Central American isthmus. In the meanwhile the time and tide of trade

tarry for no man. Demand for American goods continues to pour in from the East. Without adequate transportation facilities how is it to be met? After due inquiry I find that Americans do not control a single line of steamers plying between New York and Shanghai by way of the Suez canal.

"I have no hesitation in saying that such a line if established will contribute materially to the expansion of trade between the two countries. Mr. Goodnow, your consul-general at Shanghai reports that rates of freight from New York to China and Japan via Suez canal vary from 22 shillings six pence to 27 shillings six pence (\$3.46 to \$4.03) per ton of 40 cubic feet, against 45 shillings to 50 shillings (\$19.35 to \$21.15) charged by steamship owners from London and Liverpool to the same destination. Thus it is apparent that British steamship companies give preferential rates to American shippers.

"The English are noted for their acute judgment in matters of business. If English ship owners think it worth their while for business reasons to offer cheaper freight rates to American than to English shippers, it is not to be supposed that they cherish greater love for their American cousins than for their English brethren. It is because they believe it good business policy. Such being the case, it seems strange that you enterprising Americans should so far have made no serious attempt to secure at least a share of the profits arising from carrying your own goods."

## CARNEGIE ON TRUSTS.

The Poor Will Benefit by the Employment of Large Aggregations of Capital.

NEW YORK, April 27.—Andrew Carnegie, in an essay in the May Century entitled "Popular Illusions About Trusts," advocates great aggregations of capital as of benefit both to rich and poor. He says:

"Every attempt to monopolize the manufacture of a staple article carries within its bosom the seeds of failure. Long before we could legislate with much effect against trusts there would be no necessity for legislation. The past proves this and the future is to confirm it. There should be nothing but encouragement for these vast aggregations of capital, for the manufacture of staple articles.

"As for the result being an increase of price to the consumer, beyond a brief period, there need be no fear. On the contrary, the inevitable result of these aggregations is, finally and permanently, to give the consumer cheaper articles than would have been otherwise possible to obtain. For capital is stimulated by the high profits of the trust for a season to embark against it. The result is very soon a capacity of production beyond the wants of the consumer and as the new works erected are of the most improved pattern and capable of producing cheaper than the old works, the vulnerable trusts are compelled to buy and capitalize at two or three times their cost. There is thus no danger ahead to the community from trusts nor any cause for fear.

"Competition in all departments of human activity is not to be suppressed. Already the ghosts of numerous departed trusts which aimed at monopolies have marched across the stage of human affairs, each pointing to its fatal wound, inflicted by that great corrective competition. The only people who have reason to fear trusts are those who trust them.

"We conclude that this overpowering, irresistible tendency toward aggregation of capital and increase of size in every branch of product cannot be arrested or even greatly impeded

and that, instead of attempting to restrict either, we should halt every increase as something gained, not for the few rich, but for the millions of poor, seeing that the law is salutary, working for good and not for evil.

"Every enlargement is an improvement, step by step upon what has preceded. It does not tend to make the rich poorer but it does tend to make the poor richer in the possession of better things and greatly lessens the wide and deplorable gulf between the rich and the poor.

"Superficial politicians may for a time deceive the uninformed but more and more will all this be clearly seen by those who are now led to regard aggregations as injurious."

## HEAVY RAINS IN TEXAS.

Eight Persons or More Drowned Within the City Limits of Waco.

WACO, Tex., April 27.—The heaviest rain in 15 years fell in Waco and vicinity today. Reports of death and destruction are coming in from every direction. Between eight and ten persons have been drowned within the city limits of Waco and a searching party, headed by the fire department, is out looking for the drowned.

So far the bodies of two white women, a mother and daughter, and one negro, have been recovered. They are Mrs. Nancy Caudle, Miss Clara Caudle and Frank Walker.

The downpour of rain commenced about noon and was incessant until dark. It was in the shape of a waterspout and the rise in the creeks and branches was so rapid that it did not give the inhabitants time to flee.

Three persons, two women and a man, all colored, were drowned within a hundred yards of the city hall. Their bodies were washed into the Brazos river and have not been recovered.

There were several people, mostly negroes, standing on the bridge facing the rapid rise of Barron's branch, when the bridge, a brick structure, gave way without warning, precipitating them into the water. The number positively known to have been drowned within the city limits tonight is eight, and it is almost certain that several more lives have been lost.

## ENTIRE FAMILY SUICIDES.

Son Aids His Parents in the Act and Then Hangs Himself.

CAMBRIDGE, Md., April 27.—A German family consisting of Carl Kernig, his wife and son were discovered dead in their little farm house seven miles from this city, each corpse having a noose about the neck. Strangulation was probably the cause of death in each case. From the decomposed condition of the bodies it is thought the act must have been committed several days ago. As far as known the last seen of any member of the family was on last Saturday, when the elder Kernig came to Cambridge and drew \$600 from a bank. No trace of this money could be found today.

The authorities are of the opinion that young Carl Kernig assisted his father and mother to hang themselves and then after making a half hitch with the rope strangled himself and fell where he was found today.

## GOES AGAIN INSANE.

NEW YORK, April 27.—William Steinitz, at one time the champion chess player of the world, and who was recently released from a sanitarium where he was being treated for insanity, is thought to have again lost his mind. About a week ago he began to suffer from a hallucination that he had made a great discovery and was the possessor of immense wealth. Last night he went for a walk, and it was found afterward that he had given all the money with him to small boys. He will probably be again committed to an asylum.

## VOLUNTEER WIDOW PENSIONED.

House Makes a Field Record in Disposing of Private Pensions.

WASHINGTON, April 27.—The house broke all records today by passing 91 private pension bills. Among them was one to pension at the rate of \$40 per month the widow of the late Colonel John M. Stotsenberg, of the First Nebraska, who was killed in the Philippines.

## THE ABERGELDIE AGROUND.

Portland Wheat and Flour Steamer Stuck in Kobe Harbor.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 27.—Cablegrams from London announce that the British steamer Abergeldie, from Portland, Oregon, is ashore in Kobe harbor and that she will have to lighten her cargo to get afloat.

The vessel has sustained no apparent damage and will probably come off at high water.

## "OMAHA KID" THE WINNER.

NEW YORK, April 27.—Oscar Gardner, "the Omaha Kid," gained a decision over Joe Bernstein of this city on a foul at the end of the sixteenth round, of what was to have been a 25-round fight at the Broadway Athletic Club tonight.

## BERKELEY'S EASTERN TEAM.

BERKELEY, Cal., April 27.—The track team which will represent the University of California in the East has been finally selected, and will leave here today. It is made up as follows: William P. Dunn, captain; Anthony Calogian, T. Hamlin, C. Bronghton, P. Woolsey, C. K. Moser, J. Hoffman and A. Walsh.

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## IMPROVED SERVICE AND EQUIPMENT.

The new schedule of the O. R. & N. which went into effect April 22nd, shortened the time to Chicago 12 hours, and gives a double daily service between Portland and Chicago.

Train No. 2, leaving Portland at 9:15 a. m. is known as the "Chicago-Portland Special." Its equipment is new throughout, making it fully the equal of any train now in service from the Pacific coast to the East.

The "Overland Express" leaves Portland at 6:20 p. m. and furnishes complete service both via Huntington and Spokane to the East, together with the best of service to all local points on the O. R. & N. lines.

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## NOTICE TO WHEELMEN.

The Bicycle Commission will seize all wheels unlicensed on and after May 1, 1900. Obtain your license immediately and save trouble.

By order of the commission.

## TO PARIS IN 1900.

The passenger department of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railway has taken advantage of the current interest in the Paris Exposition and has printed for free distribution one of the most charming books of the season, entitled, "Glimpses Across the Sea." Its contents describe a recent voyage across the Atlantic made by Sam T. Clover, journalist and author, and includes his diversified experiences in London and Paris. The "Glimpses" are entertaining and instructive to the prospective western patrons of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railway, who may be contemplating a trip to Europe. The enterprise of the railway company in augmenting such a happy departure from the ordinary methods of advertising is commendable.

## CALL FOR WARRANTS.

Notice is hereby given to all parties holding Clatsop county warrants endorsed prior to June first, 1898, to present the same to the county treasurer at his office at 154 Tenth street for payment. Interest ceases after this date.

H. C. THOMPSON, County Treasurer. Dated, Astoria, Oregon, this 23rd day of April, 1900.

## Wisdom's Robotine

Corrects all blemishes of the face, removes blotches, freckles, tan, sunburn, freckles and makes a beautiful complexion. It is also the best tooth wash, and excellent for deranged stomach.

## NOTICE TO STREET CONTRACTORS.

Notice is hereby given that until 2 o'clock p. m. on Saturday, April 28th, 1900, the committee on streets and public ways of the common council of the City of Astoria will receive sealed bids for the improvement of Seventh street from north line of Bond street to south line of Astor street, according to the provisions of ordinance No. 2512, approved on the 20th day of April, 1900, and the plans and specifications therefor on file with the auditor and police judge of said city. Bids must state the amount for which street crossings will be constructed separate from the remainder of the improvement. The right is reserved to reject any and all bids.

C. C. UTZINGER, L. AGRON, W. J. COOK, Committee on Streets and Public Ways of the Common Council of the City of Astoria. Dated this 24th day of April, 1900.

## PROPOSALS FOR LIGHTING STREETS.

Notice is hereby given, that until 3 o'clock p. m. on Monday, the 7th day of May, 1900, the committee on streets and public ways of the common council of the City of Astoria, will receive sealed proposals for lighting the streets of said city for one or more years, which said proposals will be reported to the said council for consideration on said 7th day of May, 1900. The right is reserved to reject any and all bids and the bidder should be accepted and the bidder should fall to enter into contract with the city in compliance with the same.

C. C. UTZINGER, L. AGRON, W. J. COOK, Committee on Streets and Public Ways of the Common Council of the City of Astoria.

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## NOTICE TO STREET CONTRACTORS.

Notice is hereby given that until 2 o'clock p. m. on Saturday, April 28th, 1900, the committee on streets and public ways of the common council of the City of Astoria will receive sealed bids for the improvement of Commercial street from west line of Tenth street to west line of Eighth street, according to the provisions of ordinance No. 2511, approved on the 20th day of April, 1900, and the plans and specifications therefor on file with the auditor and police judge of said city. Bids must state the amount for which street crossings will be constructed separate from the remainder of the improvement. The right is reserved to reject any and all bids.

C. C. UTZINGER, L. AGRON, W. J. COOK, Committee on Streets and Public Ways of the Common Council of the City of Astoria. Dated this 24th day of April, 1900.

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## GOVERNMENT PROPOSALS.

Custom House, Astoria, Oregon; Collector's Office, April 26, 1900. Supplies for Revenue Vessels:—Sealed proposals for supplying ship chandlery, and coal to vessels of the United States Revenue Cutter Service, regularly stationed, or temporarily, at Astoria, Oregon, and delivered on board said vessels at that place during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1901, will be received at this office until 2 o'clock p. m. of Saturday, May 12, 1900, at which time and place they will be publicly opened. The coal furnished to be anthracite or bituminous of best quality; uniform in character; to weigh 2,240 pounds to the ton; to be delivered on board the vessels at such times and in such quantities as may be required, at localities readily accessible to said vessels, and to be subject to inspection as to quality and weight. Bidders will name the prices both for steaming and stove coal, and also their facilities for furnishing the vessels with fresh water, and their charges therefor. Blank forms of proposals, with schedules showing articles of ship chandlery and component parts of rations, may be had upon application at this office; proposals must be submitted on these forms. Separate bids will also be received the same time and place for lubricating and illuminating oils. The right is reserved to reject any and all bids, and no contract will be put in force until congress shall have made an appropriation for the purpose.

JOHN FOX, Collector.

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